GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3528
ANSWERED ON:18.08.2005
CULTURAL TIES WITH RUSSIA
Nayak Shri Ananta

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the countries with which cultural ties have been established by the Government;

(b) whether the Government has any proposal to establish cultural ties with Russia; and

(c) if so, the steps taken in this regard.

Answer

MINISTER FOR INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a) : The Government of India has established cultural ties with many countries through Cultural Agreements, MoUs and Mixed Cultural Commission. Cultural Agreements have been signed with 115 Countries (Annexure). We have a Mixed Cultural Commission with Japan.

(b & c) : The Government has established warm Cultural relations with Russia. The Cultural Agreement with Russia was signed in 1993. The last Cultural Exchange Programme between India and Russia was signed in 2000. Efforts are underway to sign a fresh Cultural Exchange Programme for 2005-2008. Currently the Government is going to hold 'Days of Indian Culture' in Russia from Sept. 25th to October04, 2005.

ANNEXURE

In respect of answer to Part (a) of Unstarred Question No. 3528 regarding 'CULTURAL TIES WITH RUSSIA' to be asked in the LOK SABHA by Shri Ananta Nayak, M.P. on 18th August, 2005

Cultural Agreements with various Countries

S.No. Name of the Country Date of signing

1. Afghanistan 04.01.1963
2. Algeria 01.06.1976
3. Argentina 28.05.1974
4. Armenia 14.12.1995
5. Australia 21.10.1971
6. Bahrain 08.01.1975
7 Bangladesh 30.12.1972
8. Belarus 14.05.1993
9. Belgium 21.09.1973
10. Belize 15.06.1994
11. Benin 17.07.1986
12. Bolivia 08.12.1997
13. Bosnia & Herzegovina 20.09.2002 (Yugos)
14. Botswana 14.05.1997
15. Brazil 23.09.1969
16. Bulgaria 02.02.1963
17. Burkina-Faso 12.12.1983

18. Cambodia 31.01.1996
19. Chile 13.01.1993
20. China 28.05.1988
21. Columbia 22.05.1974
22. Croatia 05.03.1999
23. Cuba 21.07.1976
24. Cyprus 24.10.1980
25. Czech 11.10.1996
26. Djibouti 31.01.1989
27. Egypt 25.09.1958
28. Estonia 15.10.1993
29. Ethiopia 09.02.1983
30. Finland 10.06.1983
31. France 07.06.1966
32. Germany 20.03.1969
33. Ghana 12.10.1981
34. Greece 22.06.1961
35. Guyana 30.12.1974
36. Hungary 03.03.1962
37. Indonesia 29.12.1955
38. Iran 10.12.1956
39. Iraq 19.04.1973
40. Israel 18.05.1993
41. Italy 12.07.2004
42. Jamaica 05.10.1992
43. Japan 29.10.1956
44. Jordan 15.02.1976
45. Kazakhstan 22.02.1981
46. Kenya 24.02.1981
47. Kuwait 02.11.1970
48. Kyrghystan 14.03.1992
49. Laos 17.08.1994
50. Latvia 01.09.1995
51. Lebanon 07.04.1997
52. Lesotho 05.10.1976
53. Libya 24.08.1985
54. Lithuania 20.02.2001
55. Luxemburg 10.09.1996
56. Madagascar 17.06.1997
57. Malaysia 03.03.1978
58. Maldives 07.09.1983
59. Malta 14.01.1992
60. Mauritius 06.02.1976
61. Mexico 23.07.1975
62. Moldova 19.03.1993
63. Mongolia 09.02.1978
64. Morocco 12.01.1981
65. Mozambique 09.02.1978
66. Myanmar 25.01.2001
67. Namibia 25.01.1991
68. Netherlands 24.05.1985
69. Nicaragua 09.09.1986
70. Nigeria 14.09.1982
71. North Korea (DPRK) 02.07.1976
72. Norway 19.04.1961
73. Oman 03.08.1991
74. Pakistan 31.12.1988
75. Panama 02.02.2001
76. Peru 25.01.1987
77. Poland 27.03.1957
78. Portugal 07.04.1980
79. Philippines 06.09.1969
80. Qatar 04.06.1980
81. Romania 03.04.1957
82. Rwanda 04.07.1975
83. Russia 28.01.1993
84. Senegal 21.05.1974
85. Serbia & Montenegro 20.09.2002 (Yugos)
86. Seychelles 22.12.1987
87. Singapore 05.02.1993
88. Slovak 11.03.1996
89. Slovenia 16.12.1996
90. Somalia 02.04.1979
91. South Africa 04.12.1996
92. South Korea 12.08.1974
93. Spain 16.09.1982
94. Sri Lanka 29.11.1977
95. Sudan 28.11.1974
96. Suriname 22.09.1992
97. Syria 13.11.1975
98. Tanzania 17.01.1975
99. Tajikistan 15.02.1993
100. Thailand 29.04.1997
101. Trinidad & Tobago 13.03.1987
102. Tunisia 24.06.1969

103. Turkey 29.05.1951
104. Turkmenistan 20.04.1992
105. United Arab Emirates (U.A.E.) 03.01.1975
106. Uganda 24.11.1981
107. Ukraine 27.03.1992
108. Uzbekistan 17.08.1991
109. Venezuela 13.09.1984
110. Vietnam 18.12.1976
111. Yemen 22.07.1999
112. Zaire 04.07.1978
113. Zambia 26.01.1975
114. Zimbabwe 22.05.1981
115. Nepal 30.09.2004